

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached Replacement sheets of drawings including Figures 1 and 3 are submitted in response to the drawing objections detailed in the Office Action. The legend "PRIOR ART" has been inserted into Figures 1 and 3. No new matter has been added. The Replacement sheets replace the original sheets containing Figures 1 and 3. Entry and approval of amended Figures 1 and 3 are respectfully requested.

Attachments: two (2) Replacement sheets

REMARKS

Claims 10 to 24 are pending in the present application. In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicants note with appreciation the acknowledgement of the claim to foreign priority and the indication that all certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

Applicants thank the Examiner for considering the previously filed Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 paper, and cited references.

Applicants note with appreciation the indication that claims 10 to 24 are allowed.

The Abstract was objected to for including more than 150 words. Applicants have amended the Abstract to obviate the present objection. Approval and entry of the amendments and withdrawal of the present objection are respectfully requested.

Figures 1 and 3 were objected to because the drawings were not designated by the --PRIOR ART-- legend. Accordingly, accompanying this Amendment are two (2) Replacement sheets for Figures 1 and 3, which now have been amended to add a --PRIOR ART-- legend. In addition, the Specification has been amended to conform to the amendments made to the above-mentioned figures. No new matter has been added. Approval and entry are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that that the present application is in condition for allowance, all issues raised by the Examiner having been addressed. An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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